

component rule for sliding movement parallel to its straight edge and pivotally connected together between the component rules.

17. A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1, contained by a package, the package being so formed that at least part of the parallel rule is visible therethrough, and so that the component rules may be opened and closed.

18. A parallel rule as claimed in claim 17, wherein the package has an opening through which one of the component rules may be accessed, to open and close the component rules, whilst retaining the parallel rule in the package.

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19. A parallel rule as claimed in claim 18, wherein each component rule is provided with a handle, and wherein the package is so formed as to restrain movement of one handle, the other handle projecting through the opening.

20. A parallel rule as claimed in claim 17, wherein the package is at least partly transparent.

21. A parallel rule as claimed in claim 1, wherein both component rules are provided on their undersides with a pair of spaced bosses, the bosses being of relatively low friction material, and between the bosses with at least one area of relatively high friction material, the bosses projecting further from the component rules than the high friction areas.

22. A parallel rule as claimed in claim 10, wherein the package is at least partly transparent. - -

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